

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-5, 8-19, 22, 25 and 28 have been allowed. Claims 20, 21 and 24 have been amended in the July 22, 2003 After Final Amendment filed July 22, 2003. New claim 30 has been added by way of the present Supplemental Amendment. Claims 1-5 and 8-30 remain pending in this application upon entry of these amendments.

New claim 30 was presented in the After Final Amendment filed July 22, 2003 as a proposed new claim. By way of this Supplemental Amendment, this claim is being presented for consideration as a new claim. Support for this proposed new claim can be found throughout the specification, and specifically, for example, in originally filed claims 1 and 5 and on page 9 lines 9-10 of the specification.

No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Supplemental Amendment and Remarks and the Response to Final Office Action and After Final Amendment filed July 22, 2003. In view of these two amendments, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and that all pending claims be allowed and the case passed to issue. If there are

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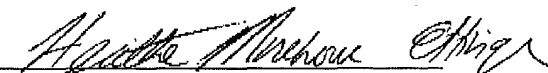
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any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through either a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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